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Amendments to the Abstract

Please replace the abstract found at page 33, with the following amended abstract.

**AUTOMATED POULTRY PROCESSING METHOD AND SYSTEM**

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

Poultry processing methods and systems ~~are disclosed~~ that provide for the processing of poultry at a plurality of processing stations, with the poultry being transferred between stations using an automated conveying system. Each individual poultry is retained in a poultry carrier designed to be conveyed by the automated conveying system. Each of the poultry carriers is preferably designed to retain only one individual poultry at a time. The systems and methods may also include identification tags that may be used to direct the poultry through the processing system with the automated conveying system. The identification tags may be associated with the poultry themselves or they may be associated with the poultry carriers.